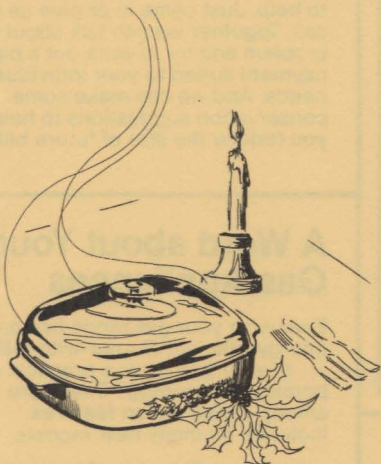


FRUIT AMBROSIA

This delicious fruit dessert can be served with your favorite Holiday cookies. Save energy by baking at same time as turkey or ham.



- 1 No. 2 can mixed fruit cocktail
- 1 No. 1 flat can crushed pineapple
- 3 bananas, sliced
- 6 marshmallows, quartered
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c. moist shredded coconut

Combine fruits and marshmallows. Spoon into $1\frac{1}{2}$ quart baking dish. Sprinkle with coconut. Bake in gas range at 325 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve hot with whipped cream. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

FRUIT AMBROSIA — from Betty Newton

gaslines



What's Ahead?

Weather — Predictions vary, with everyone a bit wary. Time will tell.

Gas Supply — Improved over last winter. No serious problems expected. Reduced residential usage due to conservation has helped improve supply picture. Continued customer conservation needed.

Gas Bills — Per unit gas costs are up primarily because of substantial increases in the wholesale price of gas over the past year, as well as other costs over which we have no control.

Near normal or warmer-than-normal temperatures and increased conservation could keep this winter's bills at about the same level as last winter's.

COLUMBIA GAS

Collector on Gift List?

Special energy stamps were issued by the U.S. Postal Service earlier this fall. The pair of semi-jumbo stamps bear messages that back needed efforts on the part of every American not only to save energy but also to encourage its development. The designs were created by Terrence W. McCaffrey, a Postal Service artist.



Bi-Monthly Meter Reading Cuts Costs . . . Saves Money!

Reading gas meters every other month helps Columbia cut costs and so holds down your gas bills.

Bi-monthly meter reading saves customers money since the labor, transportation and other charges associated with reading meters are included in the operating costs that go into the rate customers pay for gas service.

In the months when the meter is not read, the amount of gas a customer uses and is billed for is calculated. The calculation is based on the individual customer's history of gas usage, adjusted to reflect weather conditions. Actual gas consumption is verified when the meter is read every 60 days.

It's important that a meter reader be able to read your meter on the date indicated on your bill as the next meter reading date. Your cooperation in seeing that our meter reader has access to your gas meter on that date is appreciated.

Can We Help?

If you are finding it hard to meet monthly gas bill payments, the people in your local gas company office want to help. Just come in or give us a call. Together we can talk about your problem and try to work out a plan of payment suited to your individual needs. And we can make some conservation suggestions to help you reduce the size of future bills.

A Word about Your Gas Appliances

Ever wish your gas range had an energy-efficient Burner-with-a-Brain . . . or your gas dryer a practical new perma press setting? These are among conservation features included on many new models.

If your appliance is old and needs replacing, consider one that offers such gas-saver features as pilotless ignition, thermostatically-controlled and hi-speed infrared burners, a better performance rating, better insulation, a wider range of heat setting.

SavEnergy Tips

If you're re-arranging a room for the holidays, don't forget that furniture placed over or in front of a register checks the flow of warm air. Avoid blocking registers or cold air returns, even temporarily.

Youngsters on vacation from school are apt to be in and out frequently. Remind them to close outside doors tightly . . . keep in and out trips to a minimum. And when company comes, avoid letting outside doors stand open for long periods of time as you say hello or goodbye.